

AGENDA



Thursday, March 6, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 32**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply agreement with GENERAL TRAFFIC EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, Newburgh, NY, for the purchase of traffic signal mounting hardware in an estimated amount not to exceed \$95,008, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$95,008 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$285,024.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$55,421 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding for the remaining five months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Roy Rivers, Buyer II / 974-6434

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid meeting specifications of four bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of traffic signal mounting hardware (i.e. steel washers, hex nuts, elbows, couplings, etc.) for the Public Works Department, Traffic Signals Division, for maintenance of City traffic signals and will be purchased on an as needed basis.

The hardware is used for new traffic signal installation, maintenance, and repairs of existing traffic signals to provide a safer transportation infrastructure. The Traffic Signals Division requires the hardware to provide cost effective maintenance of the City's traffic signals.

Traffic signals improvements contribute to the Traffic Signals Division's overall mission to provide the safest and most efficient transportation system possible. Traffic signals are installed at intersections where traffic volume and/or accident history indicates that traffic signals are warranted. Modernization and upgrades of existing traffic signals become necessary as technology in the traffic field improves.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-five notices were sent, including one MBE and two WBEs. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 10% decrease from the last contract award in November 2005.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications. General Traffic Equipment Corp. is not the current supplier.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Public Works Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.